



**2015-2016
Michigan Teacher of the Year
Application Part B**



Applicant's Name *(please print)*: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

APPLICATION Part I: Video

I. Video Component:

The video component consists of a recording of the applicant answering the following question: Why should you be the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year? The video will be a minimum of two minutes and a maximum of four minutes. Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, TeacherTube, or Vimeo.¹ When submitting your application, insert the direct link to the video here:

Uploaded Video Link:

APPLICATION Part II: Narrative

Application Part II Instructions

- Line spacing: double spaced
- Font and size: Arial or Verdana, 11 or 12
- One inch margins
- No more than one section (II, III, IV) per page
- Enter section name and question at the top of each page

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED documents in the following order and *E-Mail* to:
MTOY@michigan.gov by February 4, 2015.

APPLICATION (Part I, including video link and Part II)

Save Application as: YourName.doc or YourName.docx

II. Philosophy of Teaching (1 or 2 pages)

Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes **you** an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.

¹ File sharing sites such as Dropbox or Google Drive are not permitted.

III. Education Issues and Trends *(1 or 2 pages)*

What do you consider to be the major public education issues in Michigan today and address one (1) of these issues in depth, outlining the possible causes, effects, and resolutions?

IV. Communications

- A. If you were chosen as Michigan Teacher of the Year, what would your message be as a spokesperson and representative for the teaching profession, and what would you communicate to the teaching profession and general public? *(1 page)*
- B. The Department of Education and the State Board of Education may ask the Michigan Teacher of the Year to work with them on projects. Please respond to one (1) of the following. *(1 page)*
1. What professional development opportunities could you provide novice educators?
 2. What contributions could you make to high priority (under-performing) schools?
 3. What suggestions would you make to business, industry, and social services about the opportunities there are for collaborating with their local public schools?
 4. Describe a project of your own design that you would propose to include in your Michigan Teacher of the Year activities.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Ann-Marie Smith at smitha24@michigan.gov or Barb Fardell, fardellb@michigan.gov.